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In re Patent Application of

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For: DISTRIBUTION VALVE COMPRISING A FLOWMETER FOR INSTALLING IN AN INLET

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

    Prior to examination on the merits, kindly amend the application as follows.

FEE CALCULATION

    Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

    _____ If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

	NO. CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA PRESENT		RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	50	MINUS	20	* = 30	X	($9 SE or $18)	$540.00
INDEP.	2	MINUS	3	** = 0	X	($44 SE or $88)	$0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					X	($150 SE or $300)	$0.00

* not less than 20 ** not less than 3   TOTAL $ 540.00

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SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

1. ___ If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.

2. ___ If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.

3. _√_ If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.

4. _√_ If checked, amendments to the claims are submitted herewith.